

1 merging presidential and county, he does say this: There
2 has been a strong trend through the United States toward
3 a schedule of state and local elections, which concentrate
4 all of these except municipal in the even number,
5 nonpresidential years. He said it would be a shame to
6 abandon, speaking now of Maryland, it would be a shame
7 to abandon this highly desirable feature of our
8 constitution while we are making much needed changes in
9 other parts of the state's governmental structure.

10 In this connection, it is interesting to note
11 that two, I continue to quote, the two of the four
12 states which now elect any appreciable number of state
13 and local officials in the odd numbered years, Virginia
14 and Mississippi, are the two that have gone the farthest
15 in designing their electoral systems so as to minimize
16 voter turnout and to insulate state and local government
17 from the influence of the majority of the citizens.

18 I think at this point it might be appropriate
19 to define for you what we consider to be the definition
20 of voter turnout. We do not suggest that voter turnout
21 grows gross numbers of people pulling levers is a value